

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH,  
THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SUN 24 SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	6.00pm Vigil 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 2.15pm 5.00pm	Natalie Lewis Power Anniv Pro Populo (For the People) Angela Abarno Anniv Antonietta Zeoli Anniv & Maria Zeoli RIP Polish Mass Santino Aquino Anniv
<b>MON 25 SEPT</b>	feria	8.30am 12 noon	Patricia Venning RIP Pepy Malig RIP
<b>TUES 26 SEPT</b>	feria	8.30am 12 noon	Fr Peter Rolph RIP John Corkery Private Intention
<b>WED 27 SEPT</b>	feria	8.30am 12 noon	Foundation Mass Thomas Ho RIP
<b>THUR 28 SEPT</b>	feria	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon 7.00pm	Joseph O'Connor RIP Eithne Mullany Funeral Maria Incarnacion Mercado Anniv Polish Mass
<b>FRI 29 SEPT</b>	STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL	8.30am 12 noon 7.00pm	Departed members of the Ryan Family & Mrs Johnson Paddy O'Connor Anniv Davide Zippo RIP
<b>SAT 30 SEPT</b>	St Jerome, Priest	11.00am 6.00pm Vigil	Maureen Halpin RIP Joe Sullivan RIP

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday's from 11:30am & 5.15pm - 5:35pm  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Saturday 5.15pm - 5.40pm

**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER:**

PARISHES: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

**TEXT GIVING THROUGH YOUR MOBILE PHONE:** Easy, safe, convenient, do it anytime.  
Text: "Parish HROOD" to 70800 to donate £5 to Holy Rood Parish. Thank you.

**MAKING CONTACT AT HOLY ROOD**

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Sunday 24th September 2017  
**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Readings for today are on page 131 of the Parish Mass Book

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A  
Weekday readings  
Year 1  
Divine Office 1



**TODAY' MASS**

**"God's ways are not our ways"**

We judge by human standards. If we want our judgements to be the right ones then we must pray for guidance so that we may always judge generously. God rewards everyone individually according to his judgement, not ours. We need, therefore, to see people always through God's eyes.

**First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9**

Since the ways of God are infinitely above the thoughts of men, the sinner has no excuse for putting off his conversion. God is always ready to forgive.

**Second Reading: St. Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24, 27**

St. Paul writes from prison, he is probably to be condemned to death. He tells his flock how he feels. He would rather be with Christ, but for their sakes he would rather stay alive.

**Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16**

There is no point here discussing the mentality or social consequences of the landowners actions. The story is about God: with him there is no question of slavery or of one's due. We Christians, the last-comers, are, with those called first, the people of Israel, the objects of God's overflowing goodness.

**Holy Rood  
Catholic Church, Watford**



**THE FINAL TALLY** of money has been completed. We raised £2,399. at the Late Summer Fair. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event last Saturday afternoon. Special thanks to all those who generously donated items for the Fair and those who gave their time in helping to prepare beforehand and managed stalls on the day. All the stalls did super well, the BBQ sold out of food, cakes were a triumph, the tombola beats its own record and some of our servers ran a 'Beat the Goalie' competition which was great fun. Thank you to you all. Not only did we raise funds for the urgent repair of our church tower but it was a great community event and we welcomed lots of people from the neighbourhood.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** offers a limited service this week due to staff holidays.. Please save non urgent enquiries to next week.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE HAS BEEN CANCELLED** — **Saturday 7th October** Only 16 people booked a place and we are therefore unable to commit to the £745 coach fee. Please come and get a refund of any monies paid. St Joseph's at Harrow Weald may have places if you wish to travel with them. 020 8863 6339

**The 11am Mass MUSIC GROUP** is looking for new musicians . If you would be interested in joining the 11am Mass Music Group, please call Francis McGuigan on 01923 232038 (after 8pm weekdays) or just speak to him or one of the 11am group members after 11am Mass for more information.

**ASCENT / LIFE ASCENDING GROUP** Our next meeting will be a Bring & Share Harvest Lunch on Tuesday 3rd October after the midday Mass and the Rosary in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome to come along.

**Ascent Outing to Jordan's Mill at Biggleswade** on Tuesday 17th October. Leaving Holy Rood at

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED**  
Eithne Mullany, Maria Zeoli  
**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED**  
Maureen Martindale, Natalie Lewis Power,  
Santino Aquino, Angela Abarno, Antonietta Zeoli,  
Paddy O'Connor, Maria Incarnacion Mercado  
**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**

PARISH CENTRE DIARY FOR THE WEEK		
<b>Sun 24</b>	Tea and coffee after 11am Mass	
<b>Mon 25</b>	Cocaine Anonymous	7.00pm
<b>Tues 26</b>	Toddlers	9.30am
<b>Fri 29</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous	8.00pm

10.30am and departing at 3.30pm. Guided and self-guided tours available—see leaflet for cost. Please leave your name and contact details on the sign-up list. Cost of transport £5 per person. Contact Winnie Brady on 01923 334998 for

**MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS: IMPORTANT REMINDER:** you need a name and photograph on each card in order to collect stickers. Remember to put cello-tape over each row once it is completed, so that stickers will not peel off over time. Take regular photographs of the Mass attendance card (making sure the child's name is visible). This will ensure that you have evidence of Sunday Mass attendance should your card become lost. Please take great care of your Mass attendance card – remember that this is the evidence on which Certificates of Catholic Practice are issued. The date for distribution of certificates will be announced next week.

**WATFORD FOOD BANK** - Thank you to all who bring in food for the bank each week. We have managed to collect 874kgs of food for the year so far for local people in need. This is distributed from the food bank centres. Thanks also to Paul Montgomery who manages this project for us here. We will again be organising a **MASSIVE FOOD DROP FOR HARVEST** this will be on **Sat/ Sunday 7th/8th October**. Lets see if we can fill the Holy Spirit Chapel again this year. We'll be collecting tins and dried foodstuffs in support of our local community in need You can bring any of the following: sugar, soup, pasta sauce, cereal, tea bags, instant coffee, dried mash, UHT or powdered milk, rice, pasta, jam and biscuits. Please ensure these are in date. This food collection is in place of the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day monetary collection.

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP**  
is sponsored this week by  
Mary, Breid and Pam  
for Mary Shanley

**REGISTRATION FORMS** for sacramental programmes for children and young people who regularly come to Holy Rood church for Mass will be available from the following dates:

Holy Confirmation - available in church now  
First Holy Communion 14/15 Oct - starts January  
Parents/ children/teenagers should be attending Mass weekly as a matter of course, before requesting these sacraments. If you attend another parish, you need to register there for sacramental preparation.

**TINY TOTS** bring new life and energy to the entire parish. Thank you for passing on the faith to your little ones by bringing them to Mass. If their new life and energy is getting too much - if they are restless, it's ok to take them into the parish centre or porch for a while, until they (or you) have settled.

**HOLY ROOD—11 A SIDE FOOTBALL TEAM** newly affiliated to the local league. The team is managed by Will Kingsley-Smith. Interested? Contact Will on: wkingsmith2@hotmail.com.

**TODDLERS** This Tuesday 26th September Amie Liddle, the toddler dance teacher from DanceARC will provide a dance session for the group in the Parish Centre. This session with a healthy snack will be £2.50 per child.

**THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** The next preparation course will be next Sunday 1st October at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre. **All enquires and registration should be made via Deacon Neville** and an application form completed. Parents should be attending Mass weekly as a matter of course, before requesting

this Sacrament for their children.

**A DAY WITH MARY** Saturday 7th October at Westminster Cathedral. 9.45am onwards.

**ALTERNATIVES BABY BOXES** The charity Alternatives provide boxes of essential items free to new mothers in special need. They are very short of baby toiletries, nappy bags, 1st size nappies and baby wipes. A collection box is available at the back of the church .

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL AWARENESS MONTH** As St Vincent de Paul's feast day approaches, we ask you to particularly pray for those who serve in the St Vincent de Paul groups and those to whom they minister. Thank you.

**FIRE WARDENS** A requirement of our Health & Safety policy is that there are fire wardens at all Masses to direct parishioners in the event of a fire. You don't have to fight the fire!!! - just open the doors to ease evacuation. A training day has been organised for Saturday November 11th at 9.30am. Please contact the Parish Office if you want to volunteer to help at your Mass. Thank you.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
Envelopes £983 Loose £840.96  
Standing Orders £518.69  
Thank you to all who have contributed to the mission and running costs of Holy Rood Church

**Switch off your phone and switch on your heart and mind to the Lord**

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